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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE ON DOUBLE TAXATION TREATIES WITH
LATIN AMERICA

REF: (A) STATE 162751; (B) STATE 082140; (C) CARACAS 2775

1. FOUR MONTHS AGO WE EXPLORED IN REF C POSSIBILITY OF DOUBLE TAXATION

TREATY WITH VENEZUELA, ON BASIS OF A PERSONAL SUGGESTION BY SECRETARY
SHULTZ IN AFTERMATH OF TAX DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY HEAVYWEIGHT BOX-
ING
CHAMPION FOREMAN, DEPARTMENT'S REPLY. REF B, WAS DISCOURAGING TO SUCH
AN EFFORT.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS IS NOT PROPITIOUS TIME TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH
VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS ONLY RECENTLY FORMULATED ITS ANDEAN
PACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT REGULATIONS, IN TERMS SOMEWHAT MORE SEVERE
THAN OTHER ANDEAN PACT COUNTIRES. VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE

PROBABLY WOULD BE INCLINED TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES ON THIS QUES-
TION.

RATHER THAN INITIATE ANY DISCUSSIONS OF DOUBLE TAXATION QUESTION WITH
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VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD PREFER TO AWAIT RESULTS

OF REF A IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, OUR FINANCIAL
ATTACHE, WHO COULD MOST EASILY CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS IN CASUAL
FASHION, IS ON HOME LEAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER.
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